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FLORIDA MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS FOR BANK ROBBERIES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Kenneth W. Kaiser, Hampton Police Department Chief William Wrenn, and Exeter Police Department Chief Richard Kane today announced that Douglas Ford, 40, formerly of Florida, was sentenced to 60 months in prison after pleading guilty in the United States District Court to four counts of bank robbery. All of the robberies occurred in November 2004.

On May 10, 2005, Ford pleaded guilty to robbing the Sovereign Bank in Haverhill, Massachusetts on November 2, 2004, robbing the Bank of New Hampshire in Hampton, New Hampshire on November 13, 2004, robbing the Pentucket Bank in Haverhill, Massachusetts on November 19, 2004 and robbing the Ocean National Bank in Exeter, New Hampshire on November 22, 2004. Ford stole approximately \$10,000 in the four robberies.

In handing down the sentence, the court noted that Ford committed the robberies in New Hampshire and Massachusetts while he was on parole for robberies committed in Florida. The court also noted that Ford did not use a firearm or other weapon in committing the robberies. The court added a period of three years of supervised release to Ford's sentence. Supervised release begins after Ford is released from prison. During the three year period, Ford's behavior will be monitored by the United States Probation Office.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Exeter Police Department and the Hampton Police Department participated in the investigation this case. U.S. Attorney Colantuono expressed his appreciation for the cooperative effort by these agencies in locating and capturing the defendant. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.